

# Project of Excellence

Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of  
Community Agencies  
(MECCA) Disparity Training

## State Plan Objective #6.3

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## Desired and Achieved Outcome(s) of Activity:

Developed a system matrix with an Orange County Health Care Agency- funded coalition, Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA), to improve outcomes and reduce disparities for multicultural communities in Orange County, to better equip them to work with those with developmental disabilities and those dually diagnosed with a mental illness.

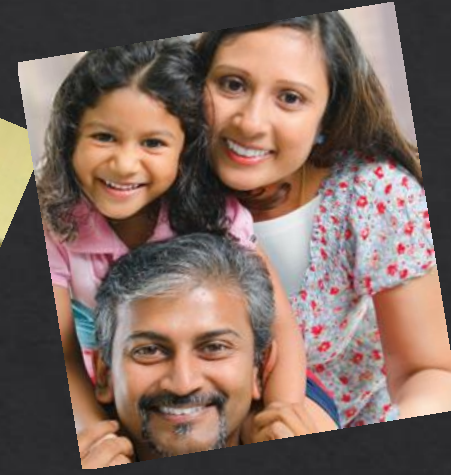
- Information is accessible and culturally congruent to each ethnic community
- Attain capacity-building support funds, including the DDS Disparity Grant
- Strengthen staff leadership
- Design new and innovative programs to increase impact on primarily underserved ethnic communities.





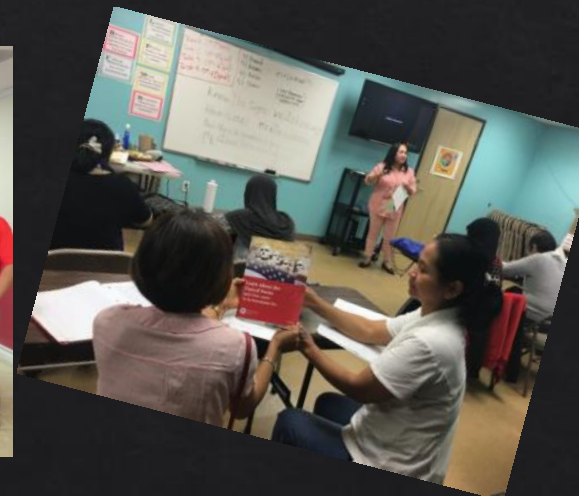
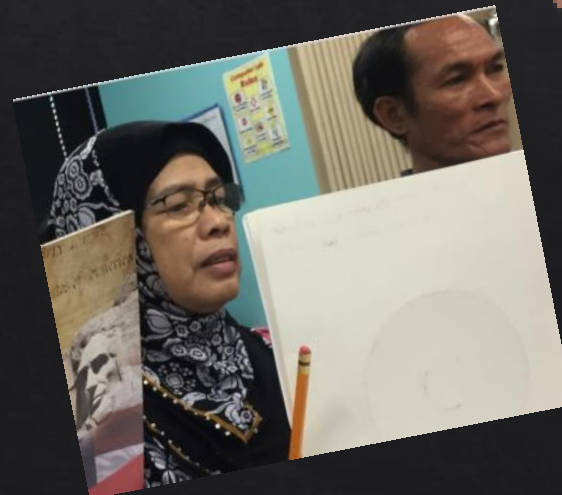
Number of people  
and/or  
organizations  
reached:

11 trainings reaching  
87 professionals  
representing 7  
multicultural agencies



MECCA

MULTI-ETHNIC COLLABORATIVE  
OF COMMUNITY AGENCIES



# Collaborative Partners and/or Leveraged Funds:

ABRAZAR

ACCESS CALIFORNIA SERVICES

KOREAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

OMID MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE  
FOR DEVELOPMENT

ORANGE COUNTY CHILDREN'S  
THERAPEUTIC ARTS CENTER

SOUTHLAND INTEGRATED  
SERVICES, INC.

THE CAMBODIAN FAMILY



Organizations representing  
the following languages:

- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Cambodian
  - Farsi
  - Arabic
  - Korean





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What impact did this project end up having on your region?

- MECCA obtained 2018-19 DDS disparity grant for \$494,000
- MECCA became vendored with Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) to provide family mentoring, serving 86 underserved families since November 2018 (assistance with access to education, healthcare, regional center and generic services)

## Thank you!

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